## **INCOME TAX CREDIT!!**

Reference: SC §12-6-3350 – Income Tax Credit for State Contractors Having Subcontracts with MINORITY Firms

Taxpayers, who utilize certified minority subcontractors, may take a tax credit equal to 4% of the payments they make to said subcontractors. The payments claimed must be based on work performed directly for a **South Carolina** state contract. The credit is limited to a maximum of \$50,000 annually. A taxpayer is eligible to claim the credit for 10 taxable years beginning with the taxable year in which the credit is first claimed. After the above 10 taxable years, the taxpayer isno longer eligible for the credit regardless of whether or not the taxpayer claimed the credit in a year subsequent to the year in which the credit was first claimed.

The credit may be claimed on Form TC-2, "Minority Business Credit." A copy of the subcontractor's certificate from the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business (OSMBA) is to be attached to the contractor's income tax return. Taxpayers must maintain evidence of work performed for a State contract by the minority subcontractor.

Questions regarding the tax credit and how to file are to be referred to:

SC Department of Revenue Research and Review Phone: (803) 898-5786 FAX: (803) 898-5888

References: SC §11-35-5010 – Definition for Minority Subcontractor SC §11-35-5230 (B) – Regulations for Negotiating with State Minority Firms

The subcontractor must be certified as to the criteria of a "Minority Firm" by the Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance (OSMBA). Certificates are issued to subcontractors upon successful completion of the certification process. Questions regarding subcontractor certification are to be referred to:

Governor's Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance Phone: (803) 734-0657

FAX: (803) 734-2498